



Suggested Activities for 2010 Read Me Week

These activities can be done for a week, two weeks, even a month before or during Read Me Week. Read Me Week can be a culmination of fun activities to promote reading. You'll find activities for kindergarten - middle school, but they are not in any particular order. Your Library Media Specialist and Reading Specialist will also have lots of ideas.

Use a newspaper for a Scavenger Hunt:

Find the following items in the newspaper and circle them:

- Someone wearing glasses.
- Something to play with.
- Something that is big.
- Something to eat.
- A telephone number.
- A person's age.
- A number between 10 and 100.
- A "\$" sign.
- An address with a zip code.

Book Tasting – choose several books with food references, i.e. "Hungry Caterpillar," "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs," "If You Give a Moose a ----", and serve food from each book. Have the older students help serve. Have a sign for each book represented.

Read Alert - 5 minutes of reading announced over the intercom at various times and days. Everyone in the school needs a book for DEAR (drop everything and read) time.

Bookmark, essay and poster contests are fun & bring out creative juices. Use the Read Me Week theme or other pertinent theme, or depicting students' favorite book. Laminate and display for Read Me Week and give prizes for best in each class or grade level. Laminate the bookmarks as keepsakes, or you can use clear contact paper.

Create a Bookworm - each class builds a bookworm made of construction paper circles. Each circle contains a student's name and title of book student read during a specific time period. The whole school can make a bookworm, train or whatever fits in with the theme that goes around the school on the hall walls.

Reading melts in Your Mind - guess the number of M & M's in a jar displayed in library. Each time a library book is returned, a student may enter the contest. Prize (maybe a book) to the "best guess."

Pen Pal Postcards - Do your students have friends or relatives who live far away? Send postcards recommending a favorite book and ask pen pals to write back suggesting one of their favorites. Record responses on wall map. Give prize (maybe a book) to the student who receives a response from the greatest distance.

Book Rap - students read on intercom or perform at assembly.

Have children **write books** and display for Read Me Week.

Character Day - invite everyone to dress as their favorite storybook character.

Design your own tee shirt with Read Me Week or other pertinent theme, or favorite book.

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Door Contest - decorate homeroom doors in the theme of a book.

Hold a Book Parade - Have each class create a 'float' about a book. Floats can be on wagons, carts, and on boards worn by children. Have parade through hall ways. Invite parents, Pencil Partners, etc.

Theme days all week -

- Reading is Cool - everyone wear sunglasses
- Jog into a Good Book - wear jogging suits
- Hats off to Reading - wear hats
- Get Mixed up in a Good Book - wear miss-matched clothes
- Sock it to Me with Good Books - wear wild socks
- Read Me Day – everyone wear something that others can read

Scavenger Hunt with “Reading Prevents Mind Decay” theme – Post words chosen from each classroom and the library on the doors. As students find the word (on maps, charts, etc.) they receive a special pass to come to the library for a large candy bar (donated by local stores) with toothpaste and the reminder that “Reading Prevents Mind Decay”.

Read to your guest - students might like to reciprocate by reading to their special guest reader.

Put on a play - Act out favorite stories, perform at an assembly or for another class.

Poetry writing - have students write poems about reading and books

Hold a Read-a-thon

Reading Slogans - make up slogans on sentence strips and post them in your room or throughout the school, ie “Blast off into Reading”, “Reading is a Ball”, with appropriate pictures.

Other quick ideas and activities

- have a Mad Hatter Tea Party
- Invite readers to wear costumes
- Book Swap
- Invite grandparents in to tell or read folktales.
- Older children in the school could be invited to read in lower grades.
- Word search puzzles
- Scrabble, Boggle
- Mystery Clue Game
- Math word problems
- Write book titles using ABC cereal
- Book trivia contests during morning announcements
- Reading buddies (older classes paired with younger classes to read together)

Make a BIG book - using freezer paper, folding waxed side in, make several “pages” and staple together.

Labels - label items in the room with complete sentences, ie “This is the door”. Have children read the sentences as they touch the item.